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World Production and Trade

The Foreign Agricultural Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture today reported the following developments in U.S. agriculture and trade:

U.S. agricultural exports during the first half of fiscal year 1985 (October 1984-March 1985) amounted to \$18.9 billion, down \$2 billion and 10 percent from the \$20.9 billion exported during the same period in fiscal 1984. Commodity groups contributing substantially to this \$2-billion decline include the grain and feed and oilseeds and products sectors. Less pronounced declines were felt by the dairy and sugar and tropical products sectors.

Declines in the agricultural product groups identified above were largely a reflection of lower unit values for wheat, rice, corn, feeds and fodders, soybeans and soybean meal. However, volume declines were posted for wheat, wheat flour, rice, barley, soybean meal, tallow, fresh fruit and fruit juices and fresh vegetables. Overseas markets for U.S. agricultural products continue to show weakness due to increased competition and generally abundant carryover stocks for several major commodities, soft foreign demand, the continued strength in the value of the dollar and good crop prospects for most products in 1985/86. Export volume through March of the current fiscal year totaled 77.2 million tons, a slight decrease from year-earlier levels. Volume decreases were most pronounced for wheat and wheat flour, rice, barley, soybean meal, and fresh fruit and fruit juices.

U.S. agricultural imports during October-March 1985 were \$10.1 billion, up 9 percent from the \$9.3 billion imported during the first two quarters of fiscal 1984. More than 75 percent of the increase is explained by stepped-up imports of cocoa and products; fresh fruit and fruit juices, beef, veal and pork. Such import patterns between October 1984 and March 1985 resulted in an overall net surplus in agricultural trade of \$8.8 billion, compared with a net surplus of \$11.6 billion during the same period a year earlier.

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U.S. Agricultural Trade (Billion dollars)

	FISCAL YEAR			OCT-MAR		
	1984 Actual	1985 Forecast	Percent Change	1984 Actual	1985 Actual	Percent Change
Exports	38.0	34.5	-9	20.9	18.9	-10
Imports	18.9	19.5	+3	9.3	10.1	+9
Trade Balance	19.1	15.0	-21	11.6	8.8	-24

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COMMODITIES	UNIT:	CUMULATIVE TO DATE			CURRENT MONTH (MARCH)		
		QUANTITY	VALUE	%	QUANTITY	VALUE	%
GRAINS AND FEEDS							
WHEAT & WHEAT FLOUR.	MT	19403.222	17121.532	-12	3.139.692	2.633.531	-16
WHEAT	MT	18906.961	16774.806	-11	3.042.322	2.556.489	-16
WHEAT FLOUR	MT	496.261	346.726	-30	77.042	77.042	-21
RICE	MT	1041.041	942.367	-9	426.099	330.433	-22
COARSE GRAINS	MT	30699.660	34667.167	-5	4.558.219	4.341.705	-5
CORN	MT	26216.858	29114.330	+11	3.903.047	3.883.557	-6
GRAIN SORGHUM	MT	35538.183	4667.557	+32	485.155	541.816	+12
BARLEY	MT	1232.941	875.941	-29	168.520	115.188	-32
OATS	MT	8.082	4.208	-48	1.122	1.122	-47
RYE	MT	3.586	5.130	+43	375	571	+52
FEEDS & FOODS 1/	MT	3647.435	3249.385	-11	633.986	501.601	-21
PULSES	MT	223.684	252.574	+13	105.546	117.331	+11
BEANS, DRIED	MT	133.332	163.294	+22	73.970	85.795	+13
PEAS, DRIED	MT	69.462	72.976	+5	21.876	23.132	+6
LENTILS, ETC., DRI	MT	20.890	16.304	-22	9.700	10.404	+7
OTHER	MT	XXX:	168.016		183.790	+9	
TOTAL	XXX:				9.031.559	8.108.392	-10
OILSEEDS & PRODUCTS							
TOTAL OILSEEDS	MT	13083.444	13021.155	-	4.010.421	3.225.455	-20
SOYBEANS	MT	12262.847	12051.133	-2	3.642.274	2.854.234	-22
SUNFLOWER SEED	MT	600.463	710.153	+18	226.537	216.073	-5
PEANUTS	MT	155.521	180.983	+16	119.948	135.803	+13
OTHER OILSEEDS	MT	64.613	78.886	+22	21.662	19.345	-11
SOYBEAN MEAL	MT	3357.352	2476.775	-26	857.015	485.476	-42
OTHER MEAL	MT	132.149	87.686	-34	23.972	11.813	-51
TOTAL VEG. OILS	MT	779.267	802.036	+3	560.869	589.809	+5
SOYBEAN OIL	MT	436.083	478.311	+10	309.763	341.180	+10
SUNFLOWER OIL	MT	146.363	89.288	-39	96.458	60.240	-38
COTTONSEED OIL	MT	72.043	128.432	+78	46.749	90.251	+93
OTHER VEG. OILS	MT	124.768	106.004	-15	107.899	98.138	-9
OTHER	MT	XXX:	67.524		52.291	-23	
TOTAL	XXX:				5.499.800	4.361.842	-21
SEEDS	MT	108.094	132.772	+23	195.066	219.138	+12
COTTON & LINTERS							
RAW COTTON 2/	STB:	3800.440	3782.309	--	1.308.254	1.288.733	-1
LINTERS 2/...	STB:	79.125	107.699	+36	5.395	14.403	+167
SILK	STB:	1.450	241	-83	5.325	281	-14
TOTAL	STB:	3881.015	3890.249	--	1.313.974	1.303.417	-1
					959.940	679.158	-29

U.S. AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS TO ALL DESTINATIONS
OCTOBER 1983 - MARCH 1985

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OCTOBER 1983 - MARCH 1985

COMMODITIES	UNIT	CUMULATIVE TO DATE			CURRENT MONTH (MARCH)		
		QUANTITY	%	VALUE	QUANTITY	%	VALUE
		:10/83-03/84:10/84-03/85:DIFF	:10/83-03/84:10/84-03/85:DIFF	:1984	:1985	:DIFF	:1984 : 1985 :DIFF
HORTICULTURAL PROD.							
TREE NUTS	MT	81,423	122,116	+50	199,718	275,259	+38
FRUIT	MT	452,552	386,838	-15	600,767	574,397	-4
FRESH. CITRUS	MT	260,413	240,870	-8	169,996	199,577	-1
FRESH. NON-CITRUS	MT	39,342	33,620	-15	40,058	159,888	-6
CANNED	MT	55,909	60,520	+8	80,513	34,096	-15
DRIED	MT	73,321	58,091	-21	107,969	86,325	+7
JUICES	CAL	352,865	313,414	-11	153,154	94,511	-12
VEGETABLES, FRESH.	MT	164,270	151,112	-8	150,517	121,264	-21
VEG. PREP.. PRES.	MT				209,797	139,758	-7
OTHER	XXX				208,307	31,083	-1
TOTAL	XXX				1,313,954	1,318,984	---
							218,000 214,018 -2

SUGAR & TROP. PRODS.							
SUGAR & SWEETENERS	XXX						
COFFEE	MT	6,529	6,716	+3	81,814	69,560	-15
FLAVORING SYRUPS	XXX				50,701	49,657	-2
OTHER	XXX				126,085	81,116	-36
TOTAL	XXX				185,116	198,432	+7
GRAND TOTAL	XXX				443,716	398,766	-10
							68,804 65,409 -5
					20,898,177	18,886,950	-10
							3821,787 2800,999 -27

NOTE: VALUE UNITS ARE IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS. GALLON UNITS ARE IN THOUSANDS OF UNITS. DOZEN UNITS ARE IN THOUSANDS OF UNITS.

XXX INDICATES QUANTITY TOTALS ARE NOT MEANINGFUL WHERE UNITS OF MEASURE DIFFER.

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1/ INCLUDES BY-PRODUCTS.
2/ STATISTICAL BALE = 480 LBS.

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS DATA (UNADJUSTED).

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U.S. AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS FROM ALL SOURCES
OCTOBER 1983 - MARCH 1985

COMMODITIES	CUMULATIVE TO DATE			CURRENT MONTH (MARCH)			
	UNIT	QUANTITY	VALUE	QUANTITY	%	VALUE	
GRAINS AND FEEDS							
WHEAT & PRODUCTS....	MT	113,291	148,461	+31	144,445	165,048	+14
BARLEY & MALT	MT	48,318	101,642	+110	9,397	18,802	+100
OTH COARSE GRAINS 1/	MT	263,079	345,689	+31	34,768	43,661	+26
PULSES	MT	16,863	17,546	+4	8,349	10,039	+20
OTHER.	XXX				80,492	76,586	-5
TOTAL	XXX				67,877	101,050	+49
OILSEEDS & PRODUCTS							
OIL SEEDS	MT	116,518	106,589	-9	49,095	45,648	-7
COCONUT OIL	MT	254,794	179,333	-30	180,076	159,392	-11
PALM OIL	MT	113,249	100,438	-11	56,351	62,036	+10
OTHER VEG. OILS	MT	94,747	105,986	+12	97,733	109,725	+12
OTHER.	MT	83,127	100,761	+21	30,650	32,809	+7
TOTAL	MT	662,436	593,107	-10	413,905	409,611	-1
SEEDS....	MT	30,899	23,202	-25	50,141	40,799	-19
COTTON,LINTERS,SILK...: MT	MT	16,552	18,119	+9	12,096	12,822	+6
TOBACCO UNMFC.							
CIGARETTE LEAF	MT	71,367	70,191	-2	243,175	234,121	-4
CIGAR LEAF	MT	3,304	4,025	+22	13,654	14,479	+6
SCRAP & STEM'S.	MT	25,146	17,986	-28	39,025	22,045	-44
TOTAL	MT	99,815	92,201	-8	295,854	270,644	-9
POULTRY PRODUCTS							
OTHER	XXX						
FEATHERS & DOWN	MT	4,896	3,621	-26	83	32,919	-5
POULTRY MEAT	MT	766	1,339	+75	40,474	4,683	-19
EGGS & PRODUCTS	XXX				3,605	3,918	+30
OTHER.	XXX				15,452	5,886	-62
TOTAL	XXX				3,531	2,321	-34

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		QUANTITY	VALUE	%	QUANTITY	VALUE	%
DAIRY PRODUCTS							
CHEESE, QUOTA	MT	56,634	56,038	-1	154,393	152,068	-2
CHEESE, NON-QUOTA	MT	12,603	14,339	+14	43,410	40,418	-7
CASEIN	MT	43,400	52,185	+20	103,202	105,640	+2
OTHER	XXX				11,292	12,384	+10
TOTAL	XXX				312,297	310,510	-1
LIVESTOCK & PRODS.							
WOOL	MT	24,172	18,970	-22	98,465	72,723	-26
MEAT	MT	412,973	516,539	+25	895,697	1053,272	+18
BEEF AND VEAL	MT	265,627	293,136	+10	566,285	582,302	+3
PORK	MT	135,615	207,955	+53	297,916	436,564	+47
OTHER (EDIBLE)	MT	12,731	15,448	+21	31,496	34,406	+9
LIVE CATTLE	NO	537,649	314,679	-41	172,010	138,267	-20
OTHER LIVESTOCK	NO	381,412	937,086	+146	159,111	202,211	+27
HIDES & SKINS	XXX				33,310	31,449	+6
FURSKINS	XXX				83,457	106,556	+28
OTHER	XXX				71,674	72,684	+1
TOTAL	XXX				1,511,863	1,679,032	+11
HORTICULTURAL PROD.							
FRUIT	MT	1620,554	1769,466	+9	1,273,501	1,273,501	+43
FRESH	LT	867,140	1379,359	+59	424,606	444,576	+20
JUICES	LT	25,669	27,898	+9	187,344	24,777	-1
JUICES	MT	187,170	225,374	+20	25,114	197,361	+16
PREP. & PRES.	MT	396,499	481,689	+21	170,052	84,548	+14
JUICES	LT	900,213	904,135	--	363,263	398,391	+10
VEGETABLES, FR/FZ	MT	248,573	224,318	-10	207,850	190,668	-8
PREP., PRES.	MT				162,774	159,610	-2
TREE NUTS	XXX				470,855	478,878	+2
WINE	LT	262,842	273,068	+4	258,238	275,923	+7
OTHER ALCOHOLIC BEV	LT	376,276	427,988	+14	139,999	162,282	+16
NURSERY PRODUCTS	XXX				166,040	175,779	+6
TOTAL	XXX				2,660,682	3,115,033	+17

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SUGAR & TROP. PRODS.	MT	65,488	95,649	+46	15,874	23,543	+48
SWEETENERS	MT	1698,519	1926,936	+13	661,597	543,567	-18
SUGAR, RAW & REFINED	MT	443,746	655,076	+48	131,805	156,519	+19
SWEETENERS	MT	210,990	312,837	+48	455,926	728,884	+58
COCOA & PRODUCTS	MT	540,190	556,397	+3	1,544,289	1,620,358	+5
COFFEE	MT	5,763	5,354	-7	52,095	49,844	-4
ESSENTIAL OILS	MT	44,249	41,506	-6	85,500	102,880	+20
TEA	MT	77,220	87,232	+13	112,139	138,258	+23
SPICES	MT	30,040	22,038	-27	22,761	17,567	-23
FIBERS	MT	422,891	427,172	+1	446,730	381,078	-15
RUBBER & ALLIED QMS	MT				62,685	69,205	+10
OTHER	MT						
7 TOTAL	XXX				3,595,411	3,831,704	+7
GRAND TOTAL	XXX				9,260,724	10,131,228	+9
						1735,723	1946,951 +12

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